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FOLL SENT ACTION BANGKOK NEW DELHI INFO SECSTATE CALCUTTA FROM
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 1948

BANGKOK FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHE (SAMADUROFF); DELHI FOR BNDD
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SUBJECT: POLICY REGARDING ANTI- NARCOTICS OPERATIONS IN NEPAL

REF: BANGKOK 7106 AND PREVIOUS
NEW DEHLI 5173 AND PREVIOUS

1. REFTELS AND PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS POINT TO VERY RAPID
RECENT GROWTH IN IMPORTANCE OF KATHMANDU AS CENTER AND ORIGIN
POINT FOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFIC, PARTICULARLY HASHISH- OIL.
MISSION WANTS TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE BUT FACES SIGNIFICANT
CONSTRAINTS ON EXTENT TO WHICH IT CAN ASSIGN BNDD AND CUSTOMS
ENFORCEMENT OFFICES TO COPE WITH EVOLVING SITUATION.

1. THE MAJOR CONSTRAINTS ARISE FROM GON LEGAL AND MANPOWER
LIMITATIONS. ONLY ACTIVITY CITED IN REFTELS AND PREVIOUS WHICH
CLEARLY CONTRAVENES PRESENT NEPALESE LAW IS EXPORT OF DRUGS.
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INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO MISSION OFFICERS THAT PENDING ENACTMENT OF NEW NARCOTICS LEGISLATION, HE IS IN NO POSITION TO CRACK DOWN ON LOCAL PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES. GIVEN ABSENCE OF ANY COMPREHENSIVE NARCOTICS LEGISLATION, HE HAS ALSO NOT BEEN ABLE OBTAIN AUTHORITY TO ORGANIZE SPECIAL FORCE OF POLICE OFFICERS COMPETENT TO ENGAGE IN SUCH CRACKDOWNS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE MOST WE CAN DO IS PASS HIM INFORMATION PROVIDED US BY ACTION ADDRESSEES AND OTHERS, WITH ON HOC JUDGE FOR THE HEARING OF THE CASE. THIS HAS BEEN DONE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND. AN APPLICANT PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS WAS ENTITLED TO NOMINATE A JUDGE ADDITIONAL TO THE 15 ELECTED JUDGES OF THE COURT.

QTE SIR GARFIELD PLANNED TO LEAVE SYDNEY ON SATURDAY, 12 MAY FOR THE HAGUE, MR. WHITLAM ADDED.

QTE MR. WHITLAM SAID THAT THE TALKS WHICH CONCLUDED LAST NIGHT IN CANBERRA BETWEEN FRENCH AND AUSTRALIAN SCIENTISTS HAD NOT CHANGED THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS REGARDING THE HAZARDS TO HEALTH CREATED BY THE FRENCH TESTS IN THE PACIFIC.

QTE THE TALKS, HELD AT THE AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, ENDED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN AND FRENCH TEAMS OF SCIENTISTS AGREEING TO REPORT SEPARATELY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS. MR. WHITLAM EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO SIR RUTHERFORD ROBERTSON AND TO PROFESSOR GAUVENET, THE RESPECTIVE LEADERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC TEAMS, FOR THE SCIENTISTS' JOINT STUDY OF THE RADIATION HAZARD PROBLEM. END QTE.
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